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1. PERMREPS WILLINGNESS AT OCTOBER 25 LUNCH (SEPTTEL) TO POSTPONE NAC DISCUSSION OF DATES FOR SPRING SUMMIT "FOR ANOTHER WEEK", SHOULD NOT BE MISREAD AS AN INDICATION OF LACK OF STRONG ALLIED INTEREST (AND US SELF-INTEREST), IN THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE US PROPOSAL ON DATES, EVEN IF WE CANNOT BE MORE PRECISE THAN SAY MID-JUNE. AS THE DANES INDICATE, REF B, SPRING CALENDARS FOR EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS ARE NOW STARTING TO FILL UP. IF WE DELAY, WE WILL PROBABLY BE ABLE TO OVERRIDE OTHER SCHEDULED COMMITMENTS AND GET OUR WAY. BUT, IT MAY BE AT THE COST OF SOME ABRASION AND BAD FEELING IN INITIAL ALLIED CONSULTATIONS ON THE WASHINGTON SUMMIT.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THEREFORE FURTHER GUIDANCE ON THE DATES FOR THE SPRING 1978 SUMMIT, IF POSSIBLE, IN TIME FOR THE OCTOBER 28 NAC MEETING OR AT LEAST FOR THE FOLLOWING NAC MEETING (PROBABLY NOVEMBER 2). WASHINGTON
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WILL RECALL THAT WHEN LUNS RAISED THIS ISSUE WITH US IN SEPTEMBER (REF E), WE ASKED HIM TO DELAY DISCUSSION UNTIL LATE OCTOBER AND TOLD HIM WE WOULD LIKELY PROPOSE A JUNE DATE AT THAT TIME. GLITMAN

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